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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating moneys to support a local food and farm
2 initiative.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 267A.2, subsection 4, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. "*Fund*" means the local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation
4 fund created in section 267A.5.

5 Sec. 2. Section 267A.5, Code 2013, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **267A.5 Local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation fund —**
8 **creation.**

9 A local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation fund is created in
10 the state treasury under the control of the department. The
11 fund is separate from the general fund of the state. The fund
12 is composed of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and
13 moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the local food
14 and farm program from the United States government or private
15 sources for placement in the fund. Moneys in the fund shall
16 be used to carry out the purpose and goals of this chapter
17 as provided in section 267A.1, including but not limited to
18 administering the local food and farm program as provided in
19 section 267A.6. At least fifty percent of moneys appropriated
20 to the fund each fiscal year, as provided in section 267A.5A,
21 shall be used to create opportunities for participation in the
22 local food and farm program by beginning farmers as defined in
23 section 175.2. The fund shall be managed by the department in
24 consultation with the local food and farm coordinator, under
25 the supervision of the local food and farm program council.

26 Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION.** **267A.5A Local food and farm innovation**
27 **fund — appropriation.**

28 Each fiscal year, there is appropriated from the general
29 fund of the state for deposit in the local food and farm
30 innovation fund created pursuant to section 267A.5, up to
31 two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The appropriation of
32 each dollar in this section is contingent upon a dollar match
33 contributed to the fund by a private person.

34 EXPLANATION

35 CURRENT LAW. During its 2011 session, the general assembly

1 enacted SF 509 (2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 128) which in part
2 established a local food and farm program fund within the
3 department of agriculture and land stewardship to support an
4 initiative to improve communication and cooperation between
5 and among farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers; and to
6 foster coordination between and among government agencies,
7 public universities and community colleges, organizations, and
8 private-sector firms working on local food and farm-related
9 issues.

10 BILL. This bill changes the name of the local food and
11 farm program fund to the local food and farm innovation
12 fund and each fiscal year appropriates up to \$250,000 to the
13 fund contingent upon each dollar appropriated to the fund
14 being matched with a dollar from a private contribution.
15 Fifty percent of moneys in the fund originating from the
16 appropriation must be used to assist participation by beginning
17 farmers in the local food and farm program.